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invention will become increasingly apparent by reference  
to the following embodiments.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page  
13, line 1, with the following paragraph.

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--The present invention provides a vaccine  
that protects equids against *Sarcocystis neurona*. In a  
preferred embodiment, the vaccine consists of a 16 ( $\pm 4$ )  
kDa antigen and/or 30 ( $\pm 4$ ) kDa antigen in a subunit  
5 vaccine. Preferably, the 16 ( $\pm 4$ ) kDa antigen and/or 30  
( $\pm 4$ ) kDa antigen are produced in a recombinant bacterium  
or eukaryote expression vector which produces the  
proteins which are then isolated to make the vaccine.  
In another embodiment of the vaccine, the vaccine is a  
10 DNA vaccine that comprises a recombinant DNA molecule,  
preferably in a plasmid, that comprises DNA encoding all  
or part of the 16 ( $\pm 4$ ) kDa antigen and/or 30 ( $\pm 4$ ) kDa  
antigen. In another embodiment of the vaccine, the  
recombinant DNA is inserted into a virus vector to  
15 provide a live vaccine which is a recombinant DNA virus.  
In U.S. Patent 6,153,394 to Mansfield et al., which is  
hereby incorporated herein by reference, it was  
disclosed that *Sarcocystis neurona* possesses two unique  
antigens, a 16 ( $\pm 4$ ) antigen and a 30 ( $\pm 4$ ) kDa antigen.  
20 These antigens do not react with antibodies from other

*Sarcocystis* spp. Thus, these antigens are useful for producing vaccines that protect equids against *Sarcocystis neurona*.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 29, line 13, with the following paragraph.

--Therefore, in a Western blot embodiment consisting of *Sarcocystis neurona* antigens resolved by gel electrophoresis, a biological sample from a vaccinated equid would contain antibodies that bind only with the 16 ( $\pm 4$ ) antigen and 30 ( $\pm 4$ ) kDa antigen whereas a sample from an equid infected with, or exposed to, *Sarcocystis neurona* would contain antibodies that bind with additional *Sarcocystis neurona* antigens. The equine antibodies that are bound are identified by treating the blot with labeled antibodies against equine antibodies. Preferably, the label is selected from the group consisting of alkaline phosphatase, horseradish peroxidase, fluorescent compounds, luminescent compounds, colloidal gold, and magnetic particles. Methods for preparing and analyzing Western blots are well known in the art. In a preferred embodiment, the Western blot is pretreated with non-equine antibodies against a *Sarcocystis* sp. other than *Sarcocystis neurona* wherein the pretreatment prevents binding of equine